

BID OPENING: OCTOBER 31, 2008

BIDS SHALL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AT 11:00 A.M., PREVAILING WASHINGTON, D.C. TIME.

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE AWARD CONCERNING THESE SPECIFICATIONS CALL JIM MCWILLIAMS @ 202-512-0303. AFTER AWARD, REFER ALL QUESTIONS TO YOUR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR WHOSE NAME APPEARS IN THE UPPER PORTION OF THE PURCHASE ORDER. (202) 512-0303. NO COLLECT CALLS.

FACSIMILE BID SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO)
Washington, D.C.

GPO CONTRACT TERMS: Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 6-01)) and Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 8-02)).

PRODUCT: 13 part snap set (each part prints a different image) with 1/2 to 3/4" stub, prints head to foot with three parts face only, 2 hole drilled top.

TITLE: VA Form 21-526

QUANTITY: 743,017 copies

TRIM SIZE: 8-1/2 x 11" (detached)

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

One CD-ROM, PDF, One complete set of lasers @ 100% One sample to be used for construction purposes.

GPO Form 892 proof label.

One reproduction proof, Form 905 with labeling and marking specifications.

Prior to image processing, the contractor is responsible for checking files contained on the furnished electronic media to insure that such features as bleeds, register marks, and correct file output selection have been provided for, so as to correctly generate films for printing. The contractor must supply necessary trapping. Films must be generated on high resolution image processors.

Identification markings such as register marks, ring folios, rubber stamped jacket numbers, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except GPO imprint, form number, and revision date, carried on copy or film, must not print on finished product.

CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH: All materials and operations, other than those listed under "Government to Furnish," necessary to produce the product(s) in accordance with these specifications.

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 11" dated February 1999.

Text: JCP D10 White Writing 20# All text paper used in each copy must be of a uniform shade.

PRINTING: Prints type, line, and flat tone matter in black ink.

Format: 13 part snap set (Back of parts 4, 7, 10 are blank, remainder (10 parts) prints head to foot.), 2 hole drilled on top 8-1/2" dimension.

MARGINS: Adequate gripper follow electronic media.

BINDING: STUB: Sets are to be held together at the 8-1/2" top by a 1/2 to 1" internally glued or pasted, perforated stub.

DRILLING: Drill 2 round holes 1/4" in diameter 2-3/4" center to center; center on 8-1/2" dimension; center of holes 3/8" from top edge of sheet (detached).

PACKING: Shrink wrapped in sets of 50. Pack suitably in shipping containers. Each pack to contain a copy of provided package label visible in the front of the package. (Reproducible camera copy supplied)

Pallets are required.

LABELING AND MARKING (package and/or container label): Reproduce shipping container label from furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks and attach to shipping containers. (See PACKING)

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing Attributes -- Level III
- (b) Finishing Attributes -- Level III

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests -- General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests -- Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Electronic Media

QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES: In addition to the Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label), the contractor may be required to submit quality assurance random copies to test for compliance against specifications. The purchase order/specifications will indicate the number required, if any. When ordered, the contractor must divide the entire order into equal sublots and select a copy from a different general area of each subplot. The contractor will be required to execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. Copies will be paid for at the running rate offered in the contractor's bid and their cost will not be a consideration for award. A copy of the purchase order/specifications must be included.

Business Reply Mail labels will be furnished for mailing the quality assurance random copies. The copies are to be mailed at the same time as the first scheduled shipment. A U.S. Postal Service approved Certificate of Mailing, identified by Jacket and Purchase Order numbers, must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

DISTRIBUTION: Ship f.o.b. destination.

Deliver 743,000 copies to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Earl Smith, 708-786-7509, SDC/OPS Bldg. 37, Door 14, 1st Ave. one block north of 22nd Street, Hines, IL 60141.

Deliver One sample along with one copy of the Specification to: U.S. Government Printing Office, attn: Jim McWilliams 202-512-0303 Room C-834, 732 North Capitol St. NW, Washington, DC 20401.

Ship 15 copies, marked "File Copies" to the Library of Congress, Madison Building, Anglo-American Acquisition Division, Government Documents Section, C Street (between 1st & 2nd), SE, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Ship 2 copies marked "Depository Copies, Item 0988" to the U. S. Government Printing Office, Depository Receiving Section, 44 H Street, NW Loading Dock, Washington, D.C. 20401. Any cartons containing "Depository Copies", that are mailed to the GPO's Depository Receiving Section must be clearly marked to indicate the total number of cartons in the mailing. For example: 1 of 3; 2 of 3; 3 of 3.

All expenses incidental to returning materials, submitting proofs, and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

SCHEDULE: Furnished material will be available for pick up at the U.S. Government Printing Office, 27 G St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20401, on November 2, 2008.

Ship complete to arrive at destinations on or before November 14, 2008

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with the order or shortly thereafter. In the event such information is not received in due time, the contractor will not be relieved of any responsibility in meeting the shipping schedule because of failure to request such information.

Toll Free WATS lines to the GPO are available to successful bidders to report information regarding compliance with schedule requirements under "SCHEDULE". The toll free number is 1-800-424-9470 or 9471 and for calls originating in the Washington, D.C. area, (202) 512-0516 or 0517. Personnel answering these calls will be unable to respond to questions of a technical nature. These calls cannot be transferred to other telephones in GPO.

OFFERS: Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for each additional 1000 copies. The price for additional quantities must be based on a continuing run, exclusive of all basic or preliminary charges and will not be a factor for determination of award.

SUBMIT BIDS TO: U.S. Government Printing Office, Bid Section (PPSB), 36H Street NW, Room C-161, Washington, D.C. 20404. **FACSIMILE BIDS are permitted. Submit TWO copies of each facsimile bid to FAX No. 202-512-1782, one bid per facsimile.** Refer to Solicitation Provisions in GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2), Page 1, Paragraph 6.